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Title:	DEVICE FOR WARMING FOOD BY MEANS OF INDUCTIVE COUPLING AND DEVICE FOR TRANSFERRING ENERGY

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, I am submitting a completed "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANTS" *(Form PTO/SB/08A)* with patents and/or publications as delineated therein attached.

DE 100 25 539 discloses a heating device comprises a ceramic-filled polymer layer (3) arranged between a surface (2) of the appliance to be heated and an electrically conducting heating foil (1). Preferred Features: The heating foil is covered on the side facing away from the polymer layer by an insulating molded body. The polymer layer has a thickness of 70-150 microns and the heating foil is an iron-chromium-aluminum alloy. The insulating molded body is made from vermiculite.

DE 100 31 167 discloses a cooking pot (2) is fitted with a lid (3) with its own heating element (45) to complement the heat provided by a heating ring (44). A control system is linked to the control switches for individual rings so that the lid heater is controlled in common with the ring, and a temperature regulator (14) with a sensor (11) controls the heat supplied to the pot. The lid can be provided with a window (15) and fans (54) for internal circulation and vapour extraction of air.

JP9-289946 dislcoses that by pushing a rice cooking switch 18, energizing to an induction heating coil 6 is started and induction heating is performed to the bottom of an inner pot 3. Besides, a current is generated through the electromagnetic induction operation of a secondary side coil 15 housed in an inner pot container 2. The secondary side coil 15 performs the induction heating to the lower side face of the inner pot 3 and heats the upper side face of the inner pot 3 by energizing a heater 16. During this heating, the temperature of the inner pot is detected by a bottom sensor 5 and a side face sensor 8 and based on that detected temperature, the energizing to the induction heating coil 6 is controlled. Since the side face of the inner pot 3 can be heated by the secondary side coil 15 as well, the internal temperature can be made equal and the desirable state of cooked rice can be provided.

JP9-238851 discloses a cooking device comprises a load part 2 placed on a magnetism generating part 1, a positioning means 5 for determining the placing position, and load classification informing means 11, 12 for informing the magnetism generating part 1 of the classification of load, wherein the magnetism generating part 1 includes a primary coil, an oscillating means for applying a high-frequency current to the primary coil, and a control means for controlling the oscillation output of the oscillating means on the basis of the information contents of the load classification informing means 11, 12, the load part 2 includes a secondary coil 13 electromagnetically coupled to the primary coil 7, and the electric power based on the transmitted high-frequency current is supplied to the load.

JP6-020766 discloses when a user places a load part 12 on a top plate 13 and puts on a start switch 19, an inverter 17 is actuated to drive a primary coil 14 for generation of a high frequency magnetic field, which induces a high frequency voltage in a secondary coil 22. When a deep pan sensing means 16 senses that there is no pan, a no-pan signal is given to the inverter 17, and a signal transmitting means 30 is fed with apparatus information exhibiting the type of apparatus stored in a memory means 28 through a signal sending means 25, etc. A signal receiving means 15 of a magnetism generation part 11 receives signal from the transmitting means 30, and the signal is compared with the apparatus type signal given previously, and thus the apparatus type of the load part 12 is determined. Thereby driving can be made without any power cord only by placing the apparatus on the magnetism generation part 11, and also construction can be accomplished light in the weight.

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